

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2003

Live births decreased in April as 6,409 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,611 in April 2002. Cumulative births for January—April show a slight increase of 1 percent from 24,085 to 24,320.

Deaths decreased in April as 4,686 Missourians died compared with 6,070 one year earlier. Cumulative deaths for January—April also decreased, while deaths increased slightly for the 12 months ending with April.

The **Natural increase** in April was 1,723 (6,409 births minus 4,686 deaths). For the cumulative 4–

and 12– month periods ending with April the natural increase went up.

Marriages increased for all three time periods shown below, while **dissolutions of marriage** decreased for all three time periods. As a result, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.82 to 1.86 for the 12 months ending with April.

Infant deaths decreased in April, but increased for the cumulative 4– and 12– month periods ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate increased from 8.2 to 8.7 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	<u>April</u>				<u>Jan.-Apr. cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with April</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Live Births	6,611	6,409	14.2	13.7	24,085	24,320	12.9	13.0	73,752	76,906	13.9	13.1	13.5
Deaths	6,070	4,686	13.0	10.0	21,062	20,174	11.3	10.8	55,512	55,985	9.6	9.8	9.8
Natural increase	541	1,723	1.2	3.7	3,023	4,146	1.6	2.2	18,240	20,921	4.3	3.2	3.7
Marriages	3,021	3,121	6.5	6.7	9,955	10,311	5.3	5.5	41,813	42,650	7.7	7.4	7.5
Dissolutions	1,800	1,716	3.9	3.7	7,344	7,337	3.9	3.9	23,030	22,906	4.4	4.1	4.0
Infant deaths	70	62	10.6	9.7	225	234	9.3	9.6	604	670	7.3	8.2	8.7
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,637	5,673	...	...	5,637	5,673	...	...	5,609	5,649	5,685

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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